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Inventors: Gamard et al.
Title: PORTABLE GAS OPERATING INHALER
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**Please see attached Response to Restriction
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEIn re Patent Application of:
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Group Art Unit: 3772

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTVia Fax - (571) 273-8300
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Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action issued December 13, 2006, Applicants respectfully elect, with traverse, the invention of Group III drawn to a method of inducing a drug from an inhaler into a spacer.

M.P.E.P. §803 states that an application may be properly restricted to one or more claimed inventions only if (1) the inventions are independent or distinct as claimed, and (2) there is a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction is not required. Thus, even if appropriate reasons exist for requiring restriction, such a requirement should not be made unless there is an undue burden on the Examiner to examine all the claims in a single application.

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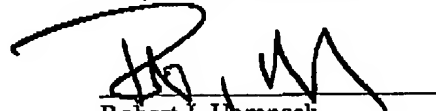
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Although the Examiner has alleged different sub-classifications for the inventions for Groups I, II and III, it would seem that search and examination involved for all three groups of inventions would substantially overlap. Because of the apparent overlapping examinations, a serious burden would not be imposed on the Examiner to examine all of the claims in a single application, and restriction is improper.

If there are any questions concerning this paper, or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at her earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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